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3. A subsequent meeting in June of various insurgent leaders at Eipe in the Thaton District was held for the purpose of determining the course of future joint action. This conference was attended by MIN MAUNG, Commander in Chief of the Kawthulay Armed Forces, and BCP, Communist Party Burma (CPB), Peoples Volunteer Organization (PVO), and Mon National Defense Organization (MNDO) leaders. The desired political education program was categorized as follows:

- a. Political ideologies.
- b. Karen revolutionary movement and its strategy.
- c. Marxism-Leninism.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. This move by the Delta KNDO is surprising only in that it has not occurred earlier. [REDACTED] this alliance is inevitable if the Anglo-Americans continue their attitude of disclaiming the Karens as "friends". The KNDO attitude is and has been that there is no other course open for their survival. To the hard-core KNDO leaders, who have a strong underlying mistrust of the Government of Burma (GOB), surrender or negotiation on GOB terms is and has been unthinkable. The significance of this alliance may be appreciable and may be to the detriment of the KNDO. It is likely that the gap between the Salween area KNDO and the Delta KNDO may be widened as a result of this alliance in view of the general repugnance to the communists in the Salween area. It is also possible that there will be a repetition of the fighting which has split all earlier, smaller, and more localized alliances of convenience between the KNDO and the communists.

25X1 [REDACTED] Comment. Mahn BA ZAN is the former head of the KNDO Delta Command, chairman of the Delta KNU, and signator of an assistance pact for the KNDO with the BCP in 1951 which was loudly renounced by other top KNDO leaders at that time.

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